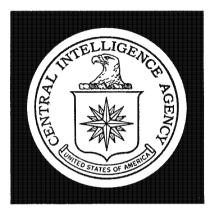


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## Vietnam

Speculation continues that militant and moderate Buddhist followers may be heading for a break with their leaders.

3.3(h)(2)Ho Huu Tuong, lower house deputy and a Buddhist university official, told on 2 November that a personal reconciliation between Thich Tri Quang and Thich Tam Chau, leaders of the militant and the moderate factions respectively, is un-Tuong said he sees the likely. removal of Quang and Chau and the merger of the two factions into a more middle-of-the-road "third force" as the only solution to the current impasse over the charter issue.

Significant contacts with enemy forces reported over the

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weekeng were courtned to the IV
Corps Tactical Zone where mor-
tar and ground assaults were
launched against the towns of
Chau Phu, Cai Lay and Long My.
A total of 38 soldiers and ci-
vilians were killed and another
179 were wounded in the attacks
which appeared to be a contin-
uation of a series of hostile
actions begun in this region on
28 October.
The situation remained

where heavy fighting has occurred during the past ten days. Of-ficially adjusted casualty figures through 2 November indicated that 31 friendly and 720 enemy troops had been killed around Loc Ninh.

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the number of enemy dead subsequently had risen to 771.

quiet in the vicinity of Loc Ninh

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